

SENATE BILL 493

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By: **Senator Astle**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Equipment on Motorcycles – Auxiliary Lighting**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing an operator of a motorcycle to use certain auxiliary
4 lighting on the motorcycle; and generally relating to motorcycle lighting.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article – Transportation
7 Section 22–221(l)
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
11 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

12 **Article – Transportation**

13 22–221.

14 (l) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, a motorcycle may be
15 equipped with, **AND AN OPERATOR OF A MOTORCYCLE MAY USE**, the following
16 auxiliary lighting:

17 (i) Blue dot illumination;

18 (ii) Standard bulb running lights; or

19 (iii) Light-emitting diode pods and strips added to protect the
20 driver.

21 (2) (i) Lighting under this subsection shall be:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 1. Nonblinking;
- 2 2. Nonflashing;
- 3 3. Nonoscillating; and
- 4 4. Directed toward the engine and the drive train of the
- 5 motorcycle.

6 (ii) Lighting under this subsection may not:

- 7 1. Be attached to the wheels of the motorcycle; or
- 8 2. Emit a red or blue light.

9 (iii) Blue dot illumination:

- 10 1. May be located only on the rear of a motorcycle as
- 11 part of or adjacent to the rear brake light; and
- 12 2. May not exceed three-quarters of an inch in diameter.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect

14 October 1, 2010.